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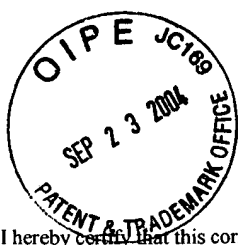
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, and further to an earlier discussion with the Examiner, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A one-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination accompany this response. As September 18, 2004 fell on a Saturday, Applicants believe that a one-month extension is timely as being submitted on the next business day.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.